



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 6 ~ 6 September 2019

Students: 741

3 rd = 40	6 th = 94	9 th = 98
4 th = 52	7 th = 88	10 th = 71
5 th = 57	8 th = 101	11 th = 86
		12 th = 55

Faculty/Staff: 67

Full Time Faculty = 54
Part Time Faculty = 4
Staff = 9

C.H.A.M.P.S. – Choosing Healthy Activities & Methods Promoting Safety. Special thanks to the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Department for partnering with us again this year to provide this valuable program to our 5th graders. Over the next 3 months, we welcome the opportunity for our students to gain additional guidance, knowledge, and skills to help them be safe, healthy, and happy in preparation for a successful life.

Taking A Closer Look – 7th Grade Life Science students (MAJ Libby Blair) began their Cell unit of study by learning how to work with the microscope. Many of them used a microscope for the first time as they investigated the letter “e” to determine how a microscope changes an image to make it look bigger, upside down (optical inversion), and more detailed. This activity will prepare them to use the microscope to look at different types of cells during this unit.

Looking at History with a Critical Eye – Georgia History classes (LTC Scott Seagraves) spent the week discussing and examining the early exploration of Georgia with a focus on Hernando de Soto and his treatment of the Native Americans he encountered on his journey through Georgia and 8 other Southeastern states. After discussing de Soto and his escapades, we examined the painting of him that hangs in the Rotunda of the US Capitol and discussed whether or not it should continue to hang there based on his atrocities. The consensus of the students was that the painting should continue to hang because it represents a time in history that, even though not pleasant, needs to be remembered. The purpose for this activity was to begin to look at history through the critical eye and not the emotional one.

Mastering New Math Concepts –

- ❖ 6th grade Honors Math students (MAJ Debbie Barsby) are working on adding and subtracting rational numbers. They are also reading a few chapters "kingdoms" of the book, *The Journey of Al and Gebra to the Land of Algebra*, to help them understand adding and subtracting integers.
- ❖ 6th grade Math students (MAJ Debbie Barsby) purchased candy from "Candy Corner" as a culmination to their decimals unit.
- ❖ 7th grade math classes (MAJ Suzanne Brooks) have been focusing on integers, irrational numbers, using radicals, and estimating the square roots of imperfect squares.

Building a Better Mousetrap – Physics students (MAJ Teresa Barnes) have been working to demonstrate their understanding of displacement, velocity, acceleration, and energy through their first hands-on project of the year – a Mousetrap racecar.

Scavenger Hunting for a Thesis – 8th grade English classes (MAJ Susan Jannakos) are learning the critical skill of how to write a thesis statement. In order to get some practice before writing their own, students examined multiple paragraphs in a “scavenger hunt” format to identify the correct thesis for each topic.

Squads take on Obstacle Course – 2nd Battalion JROTC started the annual Squad Obstacle Course Competition to pick the best squad in the battalion on the O’Course. Squads from Headquarters Company braved the heat and humidity to take on the course on Wednesday with other companies scheduled to compete in the weeks ahead.

Junior Bulldogs Inaugural Football Game – A great crowd gathered on Davenport Field on Tuesday to support our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade football players and cheerleaders as the first Junior Bulldogs game was played against Gatewood. Although the final outcome was not what we hoped for, a great time was had by all! This team will be back in action on Saturday, September 14, at 11am. The football players and cheerleaders are two of the three groups in our Fall Junior Bulldogs program. A review of these two rosters and our cross country roster reveals that 114 out of 149 students (76.5%) in our elementary grades are participating in our Junior Bulldogs Fall programs!!

Citizen Bank Player of the Week – Congratulations to Caleb Bush (9th) who was named as this week’s Citizen Bank Player of the Week!! Bulldogs Head Coach Lee Coleman commented that Caleb earned this honor as he “displayed tremendous effort on both sides of the ball and played championship caliber football.”

Looking Ahead – Mark Your Calendars

- ❖ Wednesday, September 11 – Please join us as we honor our pledge to “Never Forget” with a series of special events on this day.
 - Morning Formation – 7:40am on Grant Parade
 - Moment of Remembrance– 8:46am on North Bricks
 - Memorial Tribute – 8am until 3pm on Bricks surrounding Old Capital Building
- ❖ Friday, September 13 – GMC Prep vs ACE Charter at 7:30 pm on Davenport Field
 - Silver Wings Jump with Game Ball – landing at 7:10pm
 - Elementary Recognition at Half Time